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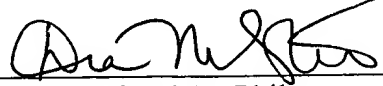
STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

This paper is responsive to the Interview Summary mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 5, 2005. Applicants believe that no fees are due. However, should Applicants be in error, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-3211.

Applicants submit that during a telephonic interview with the Examiner on April 1, 2005, she raised a potential double patenting rejection over issued U.S. Patent No. 6,713,457. Solely in order to expedite allowance of the instant application and not in acquiescence of the rejection, Applicants agreed to amend claims 45 and 52 to recite "the coding region of a mature RNA".

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